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Rep. Sharice L. Davids Kansas Third District

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Gardner Southeast Growth Area Interceptor Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gardner, located at 120 E. Main Street Gardner, Kansas 66030. The funding would be used for the construction of the wastewater gravity interceptor lines that would feed into the new Cedar Niles Lift Station that will serve Gardner's southeast growth area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Gardner has the highest projected growth rate in Johnson County through 2030, a geographically large section of KS-03 that is experiencing considerable near-term residential and commercial growth. Since 2020, Gardner has provided approximately \$3.1 million in to upgrade wastewater services to the south side of I-35. But significant capital investment is still needed in the Southeast Growth Area Conveyance System given the existing platted developments and projected growth plans, which includes needed additional residential development.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Sharice L. Davids Member of Congress